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Interstate 17 Construction Update

Detours planned for Carefree Highway ramp closures

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Upcoming Restrictions

As part of the ongoing improvement projects on I-17, continued restrictions are scheduled on I-17 and on Carefree Highway. Detours are scheduled to begin this week for the interchange ramps at Carefree Highway; traffic on the northbound I-17 exit ramp and southbound I-17 entrance ramp at Carefree Highway will be detoured onto the new loop ramps for approximately one month while the new diamond interchange ramps are constructed.

All I-17 improvement projects from Loop 101 to Carefree Highway are scheduled for completion in 2009. Once improvements are underway to Carefree Highway, construction will begin on freeway widening north to Anthem Way.

These projects are some of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan for Maricopa County and are funded through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new roads throughout the Valley during the next 20 years. More information on the Regional Transportation Plan is available at www.azdot.gov/ValleyFreeways.

Here's an overview of scheduled restrictions on Interstate 17:

Interstate 17 at Carefree Highway (State Route 74)

Thursday, Jan. 24 – Friday, Jan. 25; Monday, Jan. 28 – Tuesday, Jan. 29
9 p.m. – 5 a.m.

The southbound I-17 on-ramp and off-ramp at Carefree Highway will be closed overnight on Thursday and Monday nights for work on the Carefree Highway interchange. The following detours will be in effect:

Southbound OFF-RAMP detour: Exit I-17 at Happy Valley Rd., travel east on Happy Valley to Northbound I-17 entrance, enter I-17 Northbound, exit Carefree Highway.

Southbound ON-RAMP detour: Enter I-17 northbound, exit at Pioneer Rd, enter I-17 southbound or

travel southbound on 27th Dr. to Happy Valley Rd., enter I-17 southbound.

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 29, traffic entering I-17 southbound from Carefree Highway will be detoured onto the new Carefree Highway loop ramps. This detour will be in place for approximately one month.

Sunday, Jan. 27 – Monday, Jan. 28

9 p.m. – 5 a.m.

The northbound I-17 on-ramp and off-ramp at Carefree Highway will be closed on Sunday night for work on the Carefree Highway interchange. The following detours will be in effect:

Northbound OFF-RAMP detour: Exit I-17 at Pioneer Rd., enter I-17 southbound, exit Carefree Highway.

Northbound ON-RAMP detour: Enter I-17 southbound, exit at Happy Valley Rd., enter I-17 northbound.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 28, traffic exiting I-17 northbound at Carefree Highway will be detoured onto the new loop ramps. This detour will be in place for approximately one month.

Sunday, Jan. 27 – Friday, Feb. 1

9 p.m. – 5 a.m.

I-17 will be restricted to one lane in each direction at Carefree Highway during overnight hours from Sunday night until the morning of Friday, Feb. 1 for work on the Carefree Highway interchange.

Drivers should anticipate minor delays and allow extra time, or adjust travel schedules to avoid closures and restrictions. ADOT appreciates your patience as we construct these improvements on I-17.

Carefree Highway from I-17 to North Valley Parkway

Carefree Highway, just east of I-17, will be restricted to one lane westbound through early 2008 for work related to the reconstruction of the Carefree Highway interchange.

While ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions, during any complex construction project, there is a possibility that unscheduled closures or restrictions may occur. Please visit our [Web site](#) for the most current information about planned I-17 restrictions.

An audio podcast outlining this week's I-17 Traffic Alert can be downloaded from the [ADOT Web site](#).

- For general information about I-17 improvements, contact the I-17 project hotline at **480.890.3055** or projectupdate@lewin-associates.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Brock Barnhart at **602.712.8147** or bbarnhart@azdot.gov.
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www.az511.com or call **5-1-1**.

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